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SENATOR LABEDZ: We anticipate an increase....

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ:with the new parks.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, I rise to oppose the amendment. In some cases we have had situations where ranchers were crossing park land in order to care for their cattle on the other side and, of course, as you know in the wintertime they use different vehicles than ordinarily are used in the summertime. So as I see it, this is going to cause some problems in those situations. They are either going to have to buy a sticker or they will be in violation, and as Senator Vickers has mentioned, I am not sure there are going to be too many enforcement people out there. But, nevertheless, I hate to see the situation established whereby these people who are just traveling across the land to get over to the other side in order to care for their cattle who would have to buy stickers for a different set of vehicles than they would in the summertime. I don't believe we need the amendment and I hope you would not adopt it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise I believe in support of the amendment. I don't think it is that big a deal. I don't think that we are going to have that much of a problem with those ranchers, Senator Lamb. I doubt that the wardens are going to be out there or being too strict on the enforcement. I think that as has been pointed out many times that the parks are in some instances year round areas of recreation and I don't really see why we should exempt the individuals who come out there during the wintertime. I would like to also point out that there is a considerable opportunity for mischief and maybe even vandalism in the wintertime. I drive by Branched Oak many times during the course of a year on my way to and from Bellwood and I see a lot of activity out there in the wintertime that I would have to say perhaps does not fit the definition of normal park activity. So perhaps if perhaps we can discourage some of that by the year round requirement of the sticker, I think it might be a good thing. So although I don't think the bill will ever die on that basis, I do believe that the amendment is a reasonable one and should be adopted.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature,